

use of traditional film developing processes creates a great deal of waste through the use of wet chemistry. The new technology developed by Imaton does away with this wet chemistry and replaces it with a process that uses heat and laser imaging to develop images. The company estimates that this new process has already reduced the production of contaminated wastewater by 54.5 million gallons annually.

It is for this reason that the EPA has singled out Imaton for this award. Minnesota has a long and proud tradition of finding ways to improve our way of life while protecting and nurturing our natural surroundings. It is terrific to see a high-technology company like Imaton developing products that reduce pollution while still getting the job done for the American people. I am very pleased to bring their success to the attention of the House and to congratulate them on their achievement.

NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET MONTH

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate August as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Farmers' Market Month. I would like to take this time to recognize the successes of Southern California's farmers' markets, particularly the Southland Farmers' Market.

Each year more than a million and a half people visit Southland Farmers' Markets to purchase the finest and freshest produce in town. At these markets the consumer buys directly from the farmer, purchasing the freshest food at competitive prices. These farmers also help people select the juiciest and ripest produce while offering tips on preparation and cooking—services not available in most grocery stores.

In addition to offering spectacular services, these markets are extraordinarily important to both farmers and citizens in our community. The majority of participants are small farmers who desperately need access to public markets in order to survive. They therefore rely upon selling their products at these markets and would find it difficult to market their crops if they could no longer participate in farmers' markets.

Besides helping farmers, these markets also benefit citizens in our community. They provide an opportunity for farmers to supply surplus produce for the hungry and have helped to revitalize downtown communities in our area. The success of these markets would not be possible without the backing of the Department of Agriculture and citizens of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commemorating August as National Farmers' Market Month. I wish great success for all farmers' markets here in our community and throughout the United States.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HELP LINE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Help Line, a nonprofit, informational, advocacy, and crisis intervention agency serving the Wyoming Valley area of my congressional district in Pennsylvania.

Administered by the Family Services Association, Help Line was created by Anne Vernon in 1972 when the raging flood waters of Hurricane Agnes shut down all communication in the Wyoming Valley. It provided a centralized source of vital information to the victims of the devastation. In 1975, the agency entered into an agreement with area agencies to provide 24 hour crisis services. Soon other agencies signed on to the service and Help Line became the crisis center for all Wyoming Valley social service agencies. The information and referral component of Help Line now lists over 500 agencies in its local data files and over 1,700 total listings.

Throughout its existence, Help Line has responded to special community needs. For example, it assisted in the coordination of the local United Way's Emergency Day Camp Program, establishing services for the speech and hearing impaired, and assembling a list of physicians for people who were unemployed and without health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, the Wyoming Valley has grown to rely on the services of Help Line. Help Line has established the Family Action Network, addressing the problems of teen pregnancy, HIV infection, juvenile delinquency, and substance abuse just to name a few. Under the able leadership of its director, Mr. Michael Zimmerman; assistant director, Mr. Gary F. Smith; family services director, Mr. Dennis Gourley, and its outstanding board of community leaders led by Mr. Tom Bigler, Help Line is one of the most comprehensive 24 hour crisis centers and information and referral centers of its kind in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its well trained and dedicated staff are on duty to handle crises round the clock.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with the Board of Family Services Association and the entire Wyoming Valley in congratulating the fine management and staff of Help Line for providing quality service for 25 years.

DR. PATRICIA WORTHY OYESHIKU: 1997 WESTERN REGIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Patricia Worthy Oyeshiku, a distinguished teacher from my home town of San Diego who has made a positive impact on thousands of young lives in our community. I am proud to recognize Dr. Oyeshiku, an outstanding teacher at Morse High School in my congressional district where she has taught since 1971.

Tomorrow, she will receive the 1997 Western Regional Excellence in Teaching Award by the National Council of Negro Women. This Excellence in Teaching Award is designed to raise awareness and involvement of African-American parents, educators, and community leaders in meeting the educational needs of African-American youth.

The award recognizes exceptional public school teachers of African-American students who are living the philosophy and legacy of the National Council of Negro Women. Funded by Shell Oil Co., the award ceremonies tomorrow are an opportunity to generate greater public awareness and appreciation of excellence in teaching.

This is not the first time that Dr. Oyeshiku has been recognized for her outstanding contribution to our young people. She was the California Teacher of the Year in 1981 and also National Teacher of the Year finalist that year. She was honored as the Headliner in Education by the San Diego Press Club in 1981.

She serves on the California Academic Partnership Program Advisory Board, is an evaluation team leader of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, has served as past cochairperson for all English department Chairs in the San Diego unified school district, is a member of the Advisory Committee in Reading for the San Diego unified achievement goals program and of the advisory council to an interdisciplinary approach to multicultural education. She has lectured throughout the State of California on issues related to education.

Dr. Oyeshiku has always been an outstanding role model for many years. She served in the Peace Corps in Brazil, and received the John F. Kennedy Award as the outstanding Peace Corps volunteer in 1966. She is a member of the Readathon Advisory Board of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Like those before her who have received this high honor, Dr. Oyeshiku has worked tirelessly for the benefit of every student in her classes. Her principal, Dr. Shirley Peterson, told me that she is "honored, on behalf of all of the Morse High School Tigers, to recognize Dr. Oyeshiku for receiving this prestigious award and to commend her and applaud her efforts."

Mr. Speaker, every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, and every student deserves a teacher like Dr. Oyeshiku. I am pleased that her efforts are recognized with the 1997 Western Regional Excellence in Teaching Award.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Catholic Social Services of St. Clair County as they celebrate their 50th anniversary on September 14. This group of extraordinary people have dedicated their time, talents, and devotion to God to improve the welfare of people throughout St. Clair County.

In 1947, under the leadership of Edward Cardinal Mooney of the archdiocese of Detroit,